

Amendments to the Specification:

On Page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 21 and ending on line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

The invention also provides an orthosis comprising at least one strut component as described above, the core having been cured, with the component preferably riveted to a shin ~~component~~ section for containing the patient's shin. The riveted fixing may comprise a plurality of rivet fasteners passing through holes drilled in the shin section and through both the aluminium outer tubing and the inner core of the strut component.

On Page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 15 and ending on line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

An orthosis may be made by employing the above-described steps and bending the strut to suit the limb which is to be supported, if necessary cutting it to length, and then heating the strut to cure the plastics and fibre composite, yielding a strut which is substantially free of voids within the tube. Elimination of voids is enhanced by incorporating the foaming agent which expands when the strut is heated. The cutting step is preferably performed before curing, but may be left until after curing.